

TRIBUTE TO JAY B. CUTLER

**HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Jay B. Cutler—a dedicated public servant, a champion for mental health parity, a gifted attorney, and a dear friend. Mr. Cutler passed away on March 4 at the age of 74.

A native New Yorker, Mr. Cutler's accomplished career includes service as administrative assistant to former U.S. Senator Jacob Javits and minority counsel and staff director to the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee. From 1977 to 2003, he directed government relations efforts for the 35,000-member American Psychiatric Association. He will be remembered as a passionate and trusted advocate who fought to improve the quality of, and access to, America's mental health system.

All who were fortunate enough to be lobbied by Jay Cutler recognized that he was so much more than a lobbyist. Over the years, his name became synonymous with the cause of mental health parity. Because of his untiring efforts, millions of Americans received better, more compassionate care. His unwavering commitment to protecting patient confidentiality, broadening coverage for psychiatric and substance abuse treatment, and improving patients' rights will continue to serve as an inspiration to those of us who fight for these causes today.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing condolences to Mr. Cutler's wife, Randy, his two daughters, Hollie S. Cutler and Perri E. Cutler, and his granddaughter, Makayla Lipsetts. We are deeply saddened by his death, and we are warmed by the memory of his remarkable life.

A TRIBUTE TO DONNA ANDERSON  
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2005

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during the month of March. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an outstanding woman in my Congressional District, Ms. Donna Anderson. For many years, Donna has brought an abounding spirit and energy to her service in the community. Those fortunate enough to meet and work with Donna instantly recognize her joy, enthusiasm and passion for helping others.

Donna was born in Glendale and grew up in the Glendale/Burbank area along with her 11 sisters and brothers.

As a young mother of Angela and Mark, Donna volunteered as a teacher's aids at

Mountain View Grade School, as an office worker at Our Lady of Lourdes Grade School, and visited patients twice weekly at Queen of Angeles Hospital in Los Angeles. She was a co-leader of her daughter's Girl Scout troop and a co-leader of her son's Cub and Boy Scout troops for many years.

Donna began working for the City of Burbank in 1986, and in 2001 was elected as Burbank's City Treasurer, a position she holds today. She returned to college during this time and received her Bachelor of Arts in Business Finance. A long-time board member of the Burbank National Management Association, she is active in the Burbank Sunrise Kiwanis Club, where she is currently Vice President-Elect, and in the Zonta Club of Burbank, where she will become President in May of 2005. In 2001 Donna received the Hixon Fellowship Award from the Burbank Sunrise Kiwanis Club for her service to the community.

Ms. Anderson actively participates in the annual Burbank Police Officers' Relay for Breast Cancer Walk and walks for the ALS Foundation of Los Angeles. Other organizations that Donna supports are the Guide Dogs of America, the Burbank Family Service Agency, Friends of the Griffith Park Observatory, and the John Burroughs High School Vocal Music Association.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Donna Anderson. The entire community joins me in thanking Donna for her success and continued efforts toward making the 29th Congressional District a more enjoyable place in which to live and work.

RECOGNIZING CHARLES E.

“CHARLIE” WEATHERLY

**HON. CHARLES W. “CHIP” PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, on February 11, Mississippi State University named Charles E. “Charlie” Weatherly the 2005 National Alumnus of the Year. This is the highest honor that the MSU Alumni Association can bestow on a member and recognizes Charlie out of the nearly 100,000 alumni in the association.

I know of no one in the Mississippi State family more deserving for this award than Charlie Weatherly. He has devoted 43 years of his life to the university and it is my distinct pleasure to honor him for that service today.

Charlie graduated from Mississippi State College (now Mississippi State University) with a degree in industrial management in 1959. He was a star football player for the Bulldogs and active in campus activities. In 1962, he became the first full time field representative for the alumni association and served in this capacity until 1967, when he was appointed the association's executive secretary. In 1976, he was named Director of Alumni Affairs and served admirably in this position until 1986, when he became coordinator of special projects for both the Alumni Association and the MSU Foundation. Charlie was the prime

fundraiser and coordinator for constructing the Eugene Butler Guest House, as well as serving as director of the first constituency based fund drive. Prior to retirement, he served as director of development for Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine and remains a member of the board of directors of the MSU Alumni Foundation, a scholarship assistance program for deserving MSU students.

Mr. Speaker, our university experiences educate and shape our lives for many years to come. They are not just sources of academic expansion but also economic engines for communities like Starkville and states like Mississippi. It is notable to give back in some capacity to an institution that provides an improved quality of life for so many. For Charlie Weatherly, this was not a one time gift or occasional favor, but a lifetime of service and commitment that continues today. I am proud that the Mississippi State University Alumni Association has so properly bestowed this honor on him.

TWO SIKHS ACQUITTED IN AIR  
INDIA CASE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to learn that this past Wednesday, two Sikhs named Ajaib Singh Bagri and Ripudaman Singh Malik, who were accused of carrying out the 1985 Air India bombing, were acquitted. These Sikhs were found innocent because the witnesses against them were not believable.

The Indian government has maintained for 20 years that the Sikhs were responsible for the Air India disaster and has used it as an excuse to kill Sikhs and tighten the repression against them. Now it is clear that they were not responsible.

Why did India grant a loan of \$2 million to the main financial backer of the organization that carried out the bombing? Why did Indian operatives approach Lal Singh, offering him “2 million dollars and settlement in a nice country” if he would offer false testimony against the two accused Sikhs? Why did the Consul General of India in Toronto call in a detailed description of the disaster just hours later when it took the Canadian investigators weeks to find that information? How did he know so much? Why was the Consul General later expelled?

His successor as Consul General was quoted as saying that Sikhs who support Khalistan, the independent Sikh homeland, are terrorists, but the movement for Sikh independence is led by the Council of Khalistan, which is committed to achieving an independent Khalistan by peaceful, democratic, nonviolent means.

The book Soft Target, which is the definitive account of the Air India case, quotes a Canadian Security Investigative Service investigator as saying, “If you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver, load up everybody and take them down for questioning. We know it